

Claim 32 has been amended to recite an element “a clamping part having a snap-fit part that is snap-fitted substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the lamp and integrally extending at an angle from said body, said clamping part for pressing and securing an end of said lamp and the electrode of said lamp.” None of the cited references including Teagno and the conventional art shown in the application, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Instead Teagno discloses a clamp that snap fits parallel to the axis of the electrode to be clamped. Therefore Teagno singly or in combination with the conventional art does not disclose perpendicular snap-fitting of the present invention.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 32 and claims 33-36, which depend from claim 32, are allowable over the cited references.

Claim 37 has been amended to recite an element “a clamping structure that is integral with, and angularly extends from, said clamp, said clamping structure dimensioned to snap-fit with the electrode substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the lamp, wherein the electrode and the lamp are fixed by the clamp and the clamping structure.” None of the cited references including Teagno and the conventional art shown in the application, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Instead Teagno discloses a clamp that snap fits parallel to the axis of the electrode to be clamped. Therefore Teagno singly or in combination with the conventional art does not disclose perpendicular snap-fitting of the present invention.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 37 and claims 38-42, which depend from claim 37, are allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **“Version with markings to show changes made.”**

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

32. (Thrice Amended) An element for electrically connecting an electrode connected to a lamp to a wire having an exterior sheath and a conductive core, comprising:

a body having first arms for pressing and securing the wire, said body further having second arms for pressing and securing the conductive core; and

a clamping part having a snap-fit part that is snap-fitted substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the lamp and integrally extending at an angle from said body, said clamping part for pressing and securing an end of said lamp and the electrode [~~connected to~~] of said lamp.

37. (Twice Amended) A device for connecting an electrode from a lamp to a wire having a conductive core, comprising:

an elongated body comprised of a conductive material, said body having a first pair of arms positioned to meet the wire and a second pair of arms positioned to meet the conductive core, wherein said first pair of arms can clinch the wire, and wherein said second pair of arms can bend to clinch the conductive core;

a clamp that is integral with, and angularly extends from, said body; and

a clamping structure that is integral with, and angularly extends from, said clamp, said clamping structure dimensioned to snap fit with the electrode substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the lamp, wherein the electrode and the lamp are fixed by the clamp and the clamping structure.